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Photo by Airman 1st Class Christina Kinsey

Aerospace and Arizona Days 2005 a success

Staff Sgt. Jonathan Jundt, an avionics specialist assigned to the Thunderbirds team, buffs the underside of a Thunderbird F-16 Fighting Falcon. The Thunderbirds Demonstration Team and other aircraft performed during the Aerospace and Arizona Days April 2 and 3 at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base. For more information on the airshow, see **D-M plays host to pilots, community, Page 19.**

Local children reach for Stars

By Senior Airman Brandy Dupper-Macy
355th Wing Public Affairs

Airmen volunteer throughout the community from spending time at retirement homes to planting trees. Reaching out to the local community is one of the top priorities at Davis-Monthan.

In an effort to nurture our children on- and off-base, D-M will take part in a program called Science, Technology, and Academics Reinforcing Basic Aviation and Space Exploration.

"(The) STARBASE is a Department of Defense funded 25-hour instruction program for fifth graders that emphasizes hands-on instruction in science, math, technology, goal setting, teamwork, problem solving and living a drug-free life-style in a real-world military setting," said Lt. Col. Cassie Barlow, 355th Mission Support Squadron commander.

The STARBASE is designed to respond to the glaring shortfall in our educational delivery of mathematics and science curriculum, said Patrick Whelan, 355th Contracting Squadron. "The program links real life experiences and life choice opportunities. The STARBASE promotes activities that

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Davis-Monthan hosts Holocaust remembrance ceremony

By Staff Sgt. Tammie Moore
355th Wing Public Affairs

"The wrongs which we seek to condemn and punish have been so calculated, so malignant and so devastating, that civilization cannot tolerate their being ignored, because it cannot survive their being repeated," said Justice Robert Jackson, Chief U.S. Counsel to the International Military Tribunal, Nuremberg, Germany, Nov. 21, 1945.

The Desert Lightning community will honor Holocaust survivors with a remembrance service recognizing the 60th anniversary of liberation from the Holocaust death camps

Thursday at 10 a.m. in the Desert Dove Chapel.

The event is open to the entire Davis-Monthan community and will include a speech by Dr. Gail Wallen, Tucson Jewish Family and Children's Service director of Holocaust services, and will be attended by 15 Holocaust survivors.

Each survivor has a unique story, said Chaplain (Capt.) Randy Croft, 355th Wing. "It took many of them decades before they could share their experiences, but they are convinced (their stories are) needed to teach and inspire us to learn the lessons from the past."

All faith backgrounds and ages are invited to attend.

Bringing children helps the newer generations maintain the resolve 'never again,' Chaplain Croft said. The speakers believe it is important to teach children so they can grow up with a sturdy resolve to stand up and defend those who are different.

After the service, attendees will have the opportunity to interact with speakers, Chaplain Croft said. "Several Airmen had an opportunity to talk with the Holocaust survivors last year. It was meaningful for our Airmen and for them. The Holocaust survivors look forward to meeting our D-M Airmen. It's a mutual honor."

The opportunity to hear these stories first hand is dwindling.

"Most Holocaust survivors, like our

World War II veterans, won't be with us 10 or 20 years from now," Chaplain Croft said. "They are living heroes who remind us firsthand of the value of human freedom and the resolve we need today to defend human dignity against tyrannical oppressors."

"The survivors remind us of both the best and worst human elements during war," the chaplain said. "I was very moved last year as I visited with one of the Holocaust survivors, who had a number tattooed on his arm at a Nazi concentration camp."

For more information, call Chaplain Croft or Chaplain (Capt.) Matthew Boarts, 355th Wing, at 228-5411.

Airmen Against Drunk Driving changes hours of operation

Airmen Against Drunk Driving recently changed their hours of operation to the following: Friday and Saturday from 11 p.m. to 4 a.m. Sunday pickups will no longer be available. The AADD is always looking for volunteers who are willing to coordinate drivers and drive those who need a ride home. For more information or to volunteer, e-mail Airman 1st Class Brenda McClain, AADD president, at Brenda.McClain@dm.af.mil.

Price of gas on base

Concern: I moved here from Alabama several years ago and was accustomed to the Base Exchange gas prices being quite a bit lower than the surrounding community. I was very surprised to find BX gasoline at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base to be as high or higher than downtown prices.

At the most recent retirees meeting at the enlisted club, we were informed that there is an Air Force regulation that requires on-base price to be at least as low as off-base prices within a close proximity.

Response: Thank you for bringing your concern to my attention. Currently, the Army and Air Force Exchange Service staff conducts surveys each day on five different service stations off base deemed as our closest competition (all five gas stations are located within a mile radius of the installation).

Each morning, AAFES sets their prices equal to the lowest price surveyed the day prior for each grade of fuel sold. For example, if one gas station sells low-grade unleaded at \$1.90 per gallon and the other four sell it at a higher price, AAFES will set their price to \$1.90 per gallon.

At times, the AAFES prices may be slightly higher than those of their competitors because the competitors may lower their prices in the middle of the day after AAFES completed that day's survey.

Additionally, some gas stations outside the AAFES survey area may be selling gas at lower prices.

The AAFES believes their prices are competi-

tive with those off the installation and their goal is to continue to provide the best value for their customers.

Thank you for your patronage and, as always, our AAFES staff continues to strive to deliver first-class service to our valued customers.

New retiree dependant IDs

Concern: Another military publication recently published an article that said Department of Defense identification cards with indefinite expiration dates will be issued to spouses of retirees who are 75 and older within a few months.

I want to know why it will take a few months for this to happen when they are already doing it for retirees.

Response: Thank you for your question. Recent legislation passed allowing issuance of ID cards with indefinite expiration dates to spouses over the age of 75 years. As with all new legislation, there is policy direction that will follow with specific instructions for base-level implementation.

It will be approximately six months before we can implement this new legislation as we wait for the policy guidance and the software upgrades.

We will advertise our implementation date in the Desert Airman. For the time being, we will continue to issue dependent ID cards in periods of four years.

My mission support squadron is proud to serve the greatest generation and I want to make sure we continue to serve you in the most efficient and effective manner possible.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Christina Kinsey

Lt. Col. Michael Chandler (left), Thunderbirds Demonstration Team commander and pilot of Thunderbird 1, greets Col. Michael Spencer, 355th Wing commander, Saturday during Aerospace and Arizona Days.

Supporting each other and working together to provide the best programs and services is a goal for all D-M people. Ideas, suggestions, comments, concerns and kudos are important for improvements. The best way to pass along a comment or to get an answer to a concern is to contact the agency chief or functional managers listed here. The Commander's Corner phone line is 228-4747. The e-mail address is: 355thWingCommandersCorner@dm.af.mil. Callers must leave their name, phone number and a message. They will receive a reply in writing or by telephone. We will honor caller confidentiality, but sometimes we need to contact callers to gather additional information. If a concern is of general interest to the base populace, the response may be published in the *Desert Airman*.

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Helping answer financial questions

TSP briefings offer Airmen information on financial issues

By Staff Sgt. Tammie Moore
35th Wing Public Affairs

The Family Support Center is offering a Thrift Savings Plan class Thursday from 9 to 10 a.m. to provide members of the Desert Lightning Community a working understanding of the program.

The upcoming class will provide those attending TSP insight to include the different investment categories, contribution allocations, withdrawals, ways to save even more within the plan and virtually every aspect of the program, said Clayton Moore, Family Support Center work and life consultant.

"When TSP first opened up to uniformed personnel, it was the intention of Congress to allow these members an opportunity to invest," Mr. Moore said. And clearly, it is one of the best investments for the amateur investor.

Contributing to TSP can benefit all military members regardless of their career.

Establishing a TSP account is a good idea even for those servicemembers who do not serve long enough to qualify for a pension, said Army Lt. Col. Janet Fenton, executive director of the Armed Forces Tax Council. The TSP funds accumulated during military service can be transferred to participating federal agency TSPs if a departing servicemember

takes a government civilian job. And, TSP savings can also be rolled into nongovernment civilian employers' individual retirement accounts.

During 2005, TSP will see some changes.

The primary change to the program will be an elimination of the twice yearly open seasons where a member can make changes or sign up for the plan, Mr. Moore said. The current open season will be the last. When the twice yearly entry window goes away a member can start an account, increase it, or decrease it at anytime during the year. Additionally, a new fund is being instituted for those who don't like the hassle of changing their funds.

For a military member, TSP should be their first investment choice because of the long term benefits, Mr. Moore said. "Many people opt for different investments believing they can make more in another vehicle, when in fact, they can make just as much, if not more, if they truly understood how TSP works. This is why we teach the class."

The TSP can serve more than a savings tool for military members.

Through understanding TSP, one receives a greater understanding of other investment vehicles, Mr. Moore said. "A TSP investment provides the average military member a gateway into the investment world with some immediate and long term savings. It is one of the few investments that pays you immediately."

Due to limited seating, a reservation is required to attend. The deadline is Wednesday.

For more information, or to make a reservation, call 228-5690.

(Some of the information in this article is courtesy of Air Force News Service.)

News Notes

Mandatory E'Call today

A mandatory Enlisted Call for all E-1 through E-4s is scheduled today at 7:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. at the Base Theater.

Procurement Fair

The 355th Contracting Squadron will be co-hosting the 6th Annual Southern Arizona Procurement Fair today at the Pima Air and Space Museum in Hangar 4 from 8 a.m. to noon. During the fair, Airmen will have the opportunity to speak to purchasing agents and representatives from more than 125 government, military, corporate and business entities.

DTS to undergo upgrades

The Defense Travel System will undergo a major upgrade and will be unavailable April 15 through 19. If a member receives short-notice temporary duty orders after Saturday, the Airman will travel on "Commander's Orders." Confirmatory orders will be completed once DTS is back on-line. All reservations will need to be made off-line at the Alamo Travel Office. For more information, contact the Finance DTS Support Team at 228-0096.

Power outages scheduled

April 16 and 17 there is a scheduled power outage in Buildings 5045, 5254, 5256, 5258, 5259 and 5247. The 355th Civil Engineer Squadron is changing out an existing transformer.

LeaveWeb upgrade notice

LeaveWeb will be down all day Thursday for a system upgrade. If Airmen are planning to take leave during this time, plan accordingly. For more information, contact the unit LeaveWeb administrator.

Appearances, speeches

Military and civilian personnel are authorized and encouraged to speak to audiences unfamiliar with the Air Force. When asked to speak about the Air Force or individual jobs, contact the 355th Wing Public Affairs Office for further guidance. For more information on the Base Speakers Bureau, contact Janie McLaury at 228-5091.

New Davis-Monthan Air Force Base captain selects

Congratulations to the following first lieutenants from Davis-Monthan who were selected for promotion to the rank of captain:

12th Air Force:
Rebecca Garland and
Emiro Sinning

12th Information Warfare Flight:
Denny Landes, Jr.

41st Electronic Combat Squadron:
Timothy Brawner

43rd Electronic Combat Squadron:
David Alexander
Andrew Finkler
Thomas Walker



79th Rescue Squadron:
Ramon Fierros, Jr.

355th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron:
Jeffrey Bosque

355th Comptroller Squadron:
Itzel Vargas

355th Contracting Squadron:
Collette Wongmanee

355th Services Squadron:
James Parker

612th Air Communications Squadron:
Lucien Fuentes

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Airmen were saved from the consequences of driving under the influence by the Airmen Against Drunk Driving Program since Dec. 31. This is current as of March 21.

Call AADD at
850-2233

Fridays and Saturdays from 11 p.m. to 4 a.m. AADD volunteers provide rides.

Terrorism history

April 10, 1993, South African Communist Party secretary general and chief of staff of the SACP armed wing was assassinated by a Polish immigrant, Janusz Walus, a member of several right wing groups including the Afrikaner Resistance Movement and the White Wolves. Black and white extremists killed several other people in ensuing political violence.

Excellence in all we do

5 Davis-Monthan Airmen capture ACC awards

By Airman 1st Class Clark Staehle
355th Wing Public Affairs

Five Davis-Monthan Airmen were chosen by Air Combat Command as excellent performers in their career fields for 2004.

"These outstanding Airmen show what helps make the Desert Lightning Team so great," said Col. Michael Spencer, 355th Wing commander. "They are truly assets to our organization. They are proof that hard work and dedication throughout the year pays off and sets a great example for others to follow, not only at D-M, but for all Airmen."

The following Airmen were selected as winners in the second Air Force Information Operations competition March 25:

- ◆ Outstanding active-duty information officer: Capt. Philip Acquaro, 755th Operations Support Squadron.
 - ◆ Outstanding active-duty information operations senior NCO: Master Sgt. Paul Costinett, 12th Air Force Information Warfare Flight.
 - ◆ Outstanding active-duty information operations Airman: Senior Airman Jason Kneier, 43rd Electronic Combat Squadron.
- In addition, the following Airmen were



Photo by Staff Sgt. Tammie Moore

Senior Airman Toni Bayne (left) and Tech. Sgt. Ralph Betts, both from the 355th Operations Support Squadron, perform a flight record audit. Airman Bayne won the Air Combat Command Aviation Resource Manager Airman of the Year and Sergeant Betts won the ACC Aviation Resource manager NCO of the Year.

selected as 2004 Aviation Resource Management Awards recipients:

- ◆ The ACC aviation resource manager Airman of the year: Senior Airman Toni Bayne, 355th Operations Support Squadron.
- ◆ The ACC aviation resource manager

NCO of the year: Tech. Sgt. Ralph Betts, 355th Operations Support Squadron.

"This award means that leadership within my career field recognize and appreciate the effort I have put forth in the last year," Sergeant Betts said. "I am very thankful to receive this award."

When senior leadership within the career field shows recognition, you cannot help feeling an overwhelming sense of pride in your profession."

"(I) felt honored. It was totally unexpected but much appreciated," Airman Bayne said. "(This award) means more to me than anything I've received or achieved in the Air Force."

Their achievements have not gone unnoticed by others.

These Airmen were selected because of their outstanding commitment and dedication to their jobs, said Master Sgt. Kurt Larsen, 355th Operations Support Squadron first sergeant.

"Honestly, I couldn't tell you what in particular placed me in higher status from other entries," Sergeant Betts said. "(ACC) has many hard working Airmen. I'm sure the award ultimately came down to a very close finish. I am very appreciative and humbled by this award."

"It's great that our Airmen have been recognized for their hard work and dedication at the MAJCOM level," Colonel Spencer said. "I am confident D-M Airmen will continue to exhibit excellence in everything they do."

These five Airmen will now compete against Airmen from other major commands at the Air Force level.

355th Dental Squadron gives pointers to help save teeth

By Capt. Lenny Arias
355th Dental Squadron

Tooth decay (dental caries) is probably one of the most common chronic diseases in the world. It is an infectious disease of the teeth that basically causes them to dissolve.

Tooth decay can affect anyone, from babies to adults. Three things are necessary for tooth decay to occur: dental plaque, fermentable sugars and a susceptible host (the teeth).

In simple terms, dental plaque is a mass of bacteria that attaches to teeth, dentures, braces, etc. Dental plaque is constantly forming in our mouths, which points to the importance of brushing and flossing.

The fermentable sugar are the sugars bacteria "eat" and convert into acid. These sugars come from candy, soft drinks, juices, etc. The acid formed from this combination is what dissolves teeth.

The American Dental Association offers the following recommendations to prevent tooth decay:

- ◆ Brush teeth at least twice a day with fluoride toothpaste
- ◆ Clean between teeth daily with floss
- ◆ Eat a balanced diet and limit between-meal snacks

- ◆ Visit the dentist regularly for professional cleaning and oral exams

- ◆ Ask the dentist about dental sealants, a protective plastic coating that can be applied to the chewing surfaces of the back teeth where decay often start.

Other things that can be done to minimize the chance of suffering from this common disease include:

- ◆ Limiting your consumption of soft drinks and sugary snacks.
- ◆ Rinsing the mouth out with water after consuming soft drinks and sugary snacks when a tooth brush is not handy.
- ◆ Chew "sugarfree" gum (note: sugarfree not "sugarless"). Sugarfree gum is a healthy alternative for promoting saliva flow; saliva helps to neutralize the acid formed by bacteria and helps protect the teeth.

Be ready to fight tooth decay and win the war against it. Do not get caught off guard, fight to win.

Staff Sgt. Kristy Gallagher gets a topical fluoride application inserted by Capt. Lenny Arias. Sergeant Gallagher and Captain Arias are both from the 355th Dental Squadron at Davis-Monthan.



Photo by Senior Airman Brandy Dupper-Macy

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encourage students to make inquiries about practical applications to everyday work situations. The program exposes students to technological environments found on military bases and installations, where military personnel and facilities provide the curriculum and the delivery of the program to the youth with the cooperation and involvement of local school systems."

The goal is to teach as many children as possible.

"The local STARBASE has preliminary plans to support (Tucson Unified School District), Vail, Sunnyside, Tanque Verde and Marana school districts," Mr. Whelan said. "The goal is to reach as many of the students funding will allow."

"Each class runs one day a week for five weeks and will run all year with different classes," Colonel Barlow said. The five week program will cover:

Newton's Laws of Motion; Four Forces of Flight; Bernoulli's Principle; model rocketry; aircraft control surfaces and components properties of air; development; innovation and use of technology; properties and states of matter; flight simulation; space exploration; goal setting; teamwork and avoiding substance abuse.

Like many programs, the need for volunteers is great.

The STARBASE will provide career guidance to the students in six career clusters. Military and civilian guests speak to the students during their business lunches.

"At this point, the number of volunteers is not known, however when funding is approved the call will go out to the entire community for assistance," Mr. Whelan said.

The STARBASE is scheduled to begin in September.

"This is a great program that really helps D-M's engagement outside the fenceline," Colonel Barlow said.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Christina Kinsey

Past meets present ...

Margaret Des Portes, (right) spouse of (Ret.) Brig. Gen. John A. Des Portes, visits the house she lived in more than 30 years ago one last time with Maureen Spencer, spouse of Col. Michael Spencer, 355th Wing commander, before it is torn down. Mrs. Des Portes and General Des Portes were station at D-M in October 1970.

CRIME & Punishment

Davis-Monthan Article 15s from March 14 through 25

◆ An airman from the 355th Equipment Maintenance Squadron received a reduction to airman basic and 30 days extra duty for **leaving the local area after being told not to**. This was a violation of Article 92 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

◆ A staff sergeant from the 563rd Maintenance Squadron received a suspended reduction to senior airman, 45 days extra duty and a reprimand for **failing to follow a technical order and making a false official statement**. These were a violation of Articles 92 and 107 of the UCMJ.

◆ A staff sergeant from the 563rd MXS received a suspended reduction to senior airman, forfeiture of \$500 pay, 45 days extra duty and a reprimand for **failing to refrain from using the government travel card for personal use**. This was a violation of Article 92 of the UCMJ.

◆ A senior airman from the 355th EMS received 15 days extra duty and a reprimand for **failing to go to place of duty**. This was a violation of Article 86 of the UCMJ.

◆ A senior airman from the 357th Fighter Squadron received a reduction to airman first class, re-

striction to D-M for 30 days, 14 days extra duty and a reprimand for **making a false official statement and failing to maintain sufficient funds**. These were a violation of Articles 107 and 134 of the UCMJ.

◆ An airman first class from the 355th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron received a reduction to airman for vacated suspended non-judicial punishment by **failing to go to extra duty flight and failing to go to duty**. These were a violation of Article 86 of the UCMJ.

◆ An airman first class from the 563rd MXS received a suspended reduction to airman, restriction to D-M for 45 days, 45 days extra duty and a reprimand for **misuse of the government travel card**. This was a violation of Article 92 of the UCMJ.

◆ An airman first class from the 355th Civil Engineer Squadron received a reduction to airman, 45 days extra duty and a reprimand for **throwing a bench off the third floor of the dormitory and then lying to a superior**. These were a violation of Articles 107 and 108 of the UCMJ.

◆ An airman basic from the 355th CES received restriction to D-M for 15 days and 45 days extra duty for **underage drinking**. This was a violation of Article 92 of the UCMJ.

◆ A senior airman from the 355th Aerospace Medicine Squadron received a reduction to airman and a suspended reduction to airman basic and restriction to D-M for 30 days for **failing to remain on quarters, making a false official statement and being drunk on duty**. These were violations of Articles 92, 107 and 134 of the UCMJ.

◆ An airman first class from the 355th AMXS was administratively **separated** with a general characterization for **a pattern of misconduct** supported by one Article 15, one vacation of suspended nonjudicial punishment, two Letters of Reprimand, and three Records of Individual Counseling.

◆ An airman basic from the 355th Component Maintenance Squadron was administratively **separated** with a general characterization for **drug abuse** supported by a conviction in a special court-martial.

Area Defense Counsel tip of the week

Airmen who have been placed in a program of rehabilitation for alcohol abuse by their commander and fail to successfully complete the program, may be subject to involuntary separation from the Air Force under AFI 36-3208. For more information or to ask questions, contact the Area Defense Counsel at 228-5664.

CAOC crew chiefs

Without communications, Joint Red Flag would not be Joint Red Flag

Staff Sgt. Angel Casaigne, Jr.

Joint Red Flag Joint Information Bureau

NELLIS AIR FORCE BASE, Nev. — In an age of high tech equipment and state of the art, radar invisible stealth fighters, technology has come a long way.

The Air Forces' Communications and Control Center in the Combined Air and Space Operations Center is on board and meeting the challenges presented to it by the first ever Joint Red Flag here at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev.

To allow the thousands of people at 44 sites across the county to come together, communication across thousands of miles must be timely and reliable.

"The CAOC is a weapon system, and the communications personnel in it act as the crew chiefs," said Col. Wayne Scott, ACCC commander assigned to Davis-Monthan.

"Without the communications network tying all of these sites together there would be no Joint Red Flag," Colonel Scott said. The people flying in planes, the computer-aided simulations and the crews actually sitting in simulators and participating in the exercise from across the nation, would not be interfaced together to combine JRF into one visual picture, Colonel Scott said. "Without this integration, all the individual exercises comprising JRF would be just that, individual exercises."

"We're responsible for the execution, monitoring and repair of all communication networks for the



Photo by Senior Airman Veronica Fullwood

NELLIS AIR FORCE BASE, Nev. — Squadron leader Pete Smith, United Kingdom Senior Air Defense Officer, Tech. Sgt. Kevin Powell and Airman 1st Class Christopher Massingill, both from the 612th Combat Operations Squadron, monitor Joint Red Flag defensive operations during Joint Red Flag 2005 at the Combined Air and Space Operations Center. Joint Red Flag is an exercise designed to enhance operational and tactical effectiveness through joint integrated training.

JRF CAOC," Colonel Scott said. "All the data networks, telephones, radios and command and control systems here are monitored by us all day, everyday."

Additionally, Colonel Scott said the ACCC is also responsible for the technical requests from all the operators in the CAOC, such as e-mail, computer and even printing problems. All of these are resolved by the CAOC's own help desk.

An operation such as JRF takes

the work of many qualified people. Although CAOC-N (Nellis) was designed to host exercises on a wide scale, the builders could not have imagined the scope of JRF. Additional equipment and people had to be brought in months before the beginning of the exercise to satisfy the needs and requirements of such an undertaking.

"We've had people here since January 23 preparing for this exercise," Colonel Scott said. "They brought

nearly one-third of all the computers we're using, nearly half of all the printers and two-thirds of all the secure phones."

"Currently we have 70 people working 24-hour shifts to monitor all the systems," he added. Without all of this equipment, we would not be able to accomplish the mission."

Communication between forward operating locations is critical, said 1st Lt. David Fishman, ACCC day-shift crew commander also assigned to D-M.

We make sure all of our Air Force Forces can communicate with each other and with the Army Forces, Lieutenant Fishman said. "An Army FOL and an Air Force FOL have to be able to talk to one another. When something causes the communications between them to go down, they contact us and we all work together to get them back up again."

Lieutenant Fishman's crews' responsibility is to control Command, Control, Communication, Computer and Information systems. They report these systems' status to the Combined Forces Air Component Commander, the Joint Communication Control Center and coordinate with their Army counterparts to ensure secure information flows freely between the joint FOLs enabling a successful mission.

"This has been a tremendous learning experience," Colonel Scott said. "The training we're receiving here is invaluable and will be of great help to everyone involved. I'm proud of the entire ACCC staff and the hard work they've put in getting this mission up and running."

Selective Re-enlistment Bonus list drops to 32 specialities

By Senior Airman Brandy Dupper-Macy

355th Wing Public Affairs

Air Force officials made significant changes to the selective reenlistment bonus program as a result of continuing force-shaping efforts.

The Air Force uses the SRB program as an incentive tool to help keep the right people in the right jobs to help accomplish our mission, said Senior Airman Sharonda Jones, 355th Mission Support Squadron reenlistments counselor. They are important because it helps balance the enlisted force.

Based on the findings of a review in October, officials have published the latest list, which contains 32 Air Force specialties, down from 62.

The new list was effective March 24. However, decreased and deleted bonuses will take effect April 23.

"We updated the SRB list to match our current force-shaping objectives and fiscal limits," said Senior Master Sgt. Patrick Lavender, Air Force superintendent of accessions and retention bonus programs. "The SRB program is one of many tools the Air Force uses to balance the enlisted force. Re-calibration of the program allows us to use the SRB as a surgically precise retention tool."

All enlisted career fields were reviewed, including those with special duty and reporting identifiers.

The criteria used for determining which enlisted fields remained on the list included current and projected manning levels, reenlistment trends, career field force structure changes and career field stress levels, officials said.

Bonuses are authorized by half-point increments (or multiples) in three reenlistment zones

for Airmen with 17 months to 14 years of service.

"Zone A, which applies to Airmen reenlisting between 17 months and six years of service, incurred nine increases, 19 reductions and 86 removals," Airman Jones said. "Zone B, which applies to Airmen reenlisting between six and 10 years of service, had eight increases, 18 reductions and 80 removals. Zone C, which applies to Airmen reenlisting between 10 and 14 years of service, saw one increase, four decreases and 32 removals."

The new list can be found at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/enlskills/Reenlistments/reenlistments.htm.

More information can be found by contacting the re-enlistment section of local military personnel flights, at 228-1989.

(Some of the information in this story is courtesy of Air Force Print News.)

Davis-Monthan first sergeant is number one

By Senior Airman Colleen Wronek
332nd Air Expeditionary Wing Public Affairs

Balad's wing first sergeant has been named 12th Air Force first sergeant of the year and will go on to compete at the Air Combat Command level.

Senior Master Sgt. Steve Canter, deployed from Davis-Monthan, was notified through e-mail that he received the honor at both the wing level and the numbered Air Force level.

"My wife, Tracy, e-mailed me after the 355th Wing banquet and Tracy and my daughters, Rhegan and Averi, got to go on stage and accept the award for me," he said. "I think they enjoyed that a lot. Then my command chief from Davis-Monthan e-mailed me after the 12th Air Force banquet."

Sergeant Canter, who's been a first sergeant for almost seven years, said he was excited and humbled at the same time.

"I really don't think first sergeant of the year is an individual award when you break it down," Sergeant Canter said. "I'm lucky to have a great shirt council at Davis-Monthan and here who work together as a team. To be singled out from this great group of people is truly an honor."

Some of Sergeant Canter's first sergeant accomplishments include providing counsel to the third largest squadron at Davis-Monthan, working with family members with a deployed loved one to make the deployment process easier and providing fair

discipline to those receiving Article 15s and letters of counseling.

"His reputation preceded him and I found out about him from the previous wing first sergeant," said Command Chief Master Sgt. Dennis Krebs, 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing. "Since he has been here, he has spearheaded morale, health and welfare activities such as cleaning up the H-6 laundry room, taking care of the CLEP prep class scheduling and working with dorm managers."

Sergeant Canter also took charge of moves within the wing by working with Air Force and KBR lodging and he helped lay board walks in the housing area.

"His number one job is taking care of people and he does that exceptionally well," Chief Krebs said.

"I'm hoping to get someone like him for the next rotation as the wing first sergeant."

Sergeant Canter said his greatest accomplishment is to connect with younger troops and gain their trust.

"I try to be straight forward and honest with them and I think they really appreciate it," he said. "I love it when I look a troop in the eyes and see confidence and self respect they've gained through their military service. If I had a small part in their success then I'm happy."

Sergeant Canter said he has learned a lot more about the Air Force as a first sergeant than he ever would if he had stayed in avionics.



Courtesy photo

Senior Master Sgt. Steve Canter, 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing first sergeant, takes a moment to pose for the camera while in a deployed location.

"What I really like most is the great opportunity I've been given to work with outstanding people in so many different career fields," he said. "You need to get outside your little piece of the Air Force world to really appreciate how hard everyone works to make our mission a success. Motivation and enthusiasm make the Air Force go. Step up and say, 'yes' to a project nobody else wants to do. The satisfaction you'll get from making it happen will make you want to do more."

Values

Quality time helps with quality families

By Col. Roosevelt Allen

355th Dental Squadron commander

My nine-year-old daughter is out of school for the next three weeks on spring break. Even though I would love to spend the entire time with her, I realize, like most parents, I cannot take three weeks off from work. Although I can not take three weeks off, her free time presents the opportunity for us to spend more quality time together.

What is quality time? Most would say it is uninterrupted, concentrated time spent with children, spouses and friends. Or, in other words, making up in quality for what is missed in quantity.

These three weeks present the chance to spend additional time with her that I would not ordinarily have. Some of the activities I have planned are to:

- ◆ Take her to lunch (father/daughter lunch or a family picnic).
- ◆ Have her come to work for a few hours to see what I and others around me do.
- ◆ Take her to the gym to play basketball or to swim.
- ◆ Take her to the library to pick out some books that we can read together.

Most of these activities can be easily fit in during my lunch break, and since it is unusual to do them in the middle of the day, it makes it all the more special for both of us.

Military members have a unique job. Desire to

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Col. Roosevelt Allen,
355th Dental Squadron commander

have structured family time is often hindered by temporary duty assignments, deployments or other tasks.

Also contributing to the problem are the busy schedules of children.

Dance, soccer, piano, homework and extra-curricular activities make it more difficult to find and spend the time together. However, it is well worth the effort.

Research shows that spending time with children when they are young pays enormous dividends.

By talking to our children, we are helping to develop and build an honest and open relationship that helps promote a family environment in which children feel free to discuss any topic or concern.

If you put a little thought into it, there are many ways to spend more quality time with your children.

Time does not have to be planned; it can be spontaneous and vary from a few minutes to a few hours.

Some suggestions for quality time include:

- ◆ talk to your child and make sure you listen;
- ◆ eat dinner together and have everyone talk about their daily activities;
- ◆ have a family game night, play board games and make homemade pizza;
- ◆ take a vacation;
- ◆ have a movie night;
- ◆ go to your place of worship;
- ◆ listen to your child, listen to your child, listen to your child...
- ◆ ask questions that encourage your child to share his or her thoughts and feelings;
- ◆ read to your child;
- ◆ go places and do things together;
- ◆ provide ordinary experiences in new, different, or fun ways; or
- ◆ do a hobby, or a puzzle together.

Love, time, commitment and patience are a few of the characteristics needed to develop a strong and supportive family. The overall objective is simple, just have fun and enjoy your time together.

For more information, try these family oriented Web sites: <http://focusonyourchild.com>, <http://familyfun.go.com> and <http://parentsandteens.com>.

The Ground Floor offers activities, entertainment

The Ground Floor, located on the first floor of Building 3500, is open to any Airmen and their guests. It offers many social activities, such as movie, music and poker nights. It also serves as a spiritual retreat for Airmen. Bible study and many other discussion groups also meet on a regular basis. The Ground Floor also features free food and soda, a big-screen TV and video game systems. Many volunteer opportunities in the are being planned at the Ground Floor. For more information, contact Chaplain (Capt.) Randy Croft at 228-6213.

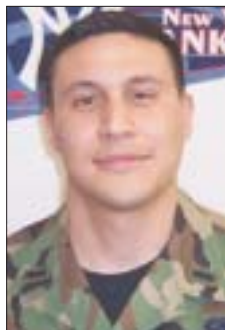
Final Answer

Who do you think will go to the World Series this year and why?



**Tech. Sgt.
Carlos Marin**
372nd Training
Squadron

"I think the Seattle Mariners will go to the World Series because they've had some good offensive off-season pickups, and they already had good offense and great pitching."



**1st Lt.
Fernando Ruiz**
355th Mission
Support Group

"The Yankees. It's about time, five years in the Empire feels like '86' years."



**Tech. Sgt.
David Gallo**
143rd Services
Group

"Of course the Red Sox will go back because they have to."



**Master Sgt.
Ray Alston**
355th Mission
Support Squadron

"I think the Yankees will go to the World Series because they have talent, good athletes, good management and people dedicated to baseball."



**Chief Master Sgt.
Keith Cobb**
355th Wing

"The Baltimore Orioles because they've got a lot of history. They were a dominant team in the 60s and 70s, and they've made some good line-up changes in the past few seasons. The only team better than the Orioles is Team D-M! Hooooty-Hooo!"



**Tech. Sgt.
David Sublette**
372nd Training
Squadron

"The Twins because somebody has to win besides the Yankees."

Civilians, Airmen earn cash

By Staff Sgt. Tammie Moore
355th Wing Public Affairs

Ten members of the Desert Lightning community were awarded a combined total of \$12,400 for sharing their ideas on how to fix problems and streamline Air Force procedures by using the Innovative Developmental through Employee Awareness program.

The IDEA program encourages thinking by both servicemembers and civilians to make changes to everyday work procedures.

Individuals can submit their ideas on any computer with a secure link by logging onto the program Web site located at <https://ideas.randolph.af.mil/>.

Congratulations to the following Airmen and civilians whose innovations have earned cash awards through the IDEA program between January and March:

Aircraft Maintenance and Regeneration Center

Christopher Dugie, Daryl Neel and Tommy Rollins received a \$10,000 award for an A-10 wing attach fitting replacement IDEA.

355th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

Senior Airman Joseph Jackson earned \$200 for an omission of troubleshooting data for an auxiliary power unit IDEA.

355th Component Maintenance Squadron

Airman 1st Class Andrew Hall was awarded \$200 for his ejection seat removal correction IDEA.

Staff Sgt. Zenobia Dukes received \$200 for a no repairable to station three action taken change IDEA.

Master Sgt. Benjamin Rogers earned \$200 for his improved thrustnut sealant IDEA.

355th Maintenance Group

Stuart Burdick took home \$200 for a pump housing rear cover seal replacement IDEA.

He received \$200 for a propeller control installation IDEA.

Mr. Burdick earned \$200 for a vent tank hardware IDEA.

In addition, he turned in two Air Force Technical Order Form 22s, which were both approved earning him another \$200 each.

563rd Maintenance Squadron

Staff Sgt. Keith McCarthy was awarded \$200 for a pilot seat belt manufacturer warning IDEA.

Sergeant McCarthy also received another \$200 for a tail rotor pitch beam rig requirements IDEA.

Tech. Sgt. Robert Balmer will take home \$200 for a tail landing-gear yoke washer installation tool set IDEA.

For more information about the IDEA program, call 228-4332.



Photo by Senior Airman Cat Casaigne

Tech. Sgt. Russell Johnson (right), 355th Logistics Readiness Squadron, is congratulated by Master Sgt. Michael Starkey, Family Support Center, for earning a sponsor of the quarter award.

Wing names sponsor of quarter

Tech. Sgt. Russell Johnson, 355th Logistics Readiness Squadron, earned a 355th Wing Desert Lightning Sponsor of the Quarter award Tuesday for January through March. During this time he ensured Senior Airman Steven Walker's, 355th LRS fuels technician, transition to D-M was as smooth as possible.

"Tech. Sgt. Johnson showed concern for me and still checks with me to make sure everything is going all right," Airman Walker said.



Sonoran Spotlight

(Editor's note: Sonoran Spotlight is a weekly feature of the Desert Airman that profiles a member — officer, enlisted or civilian — of Davis-Monthan Air Force Base.)

This week's Sonoran Spotlight is Tech. Sgt. Aubry Herrera of the 355th Mission Support Squadron. Sergeant Herrera is an Airman Leadership School instructor. According to her first sergeant, Master Sgt. Ray Alston, she was nominated for the spotlight because she, "is a razor-sharp NCO who does an outstanding job of nurturing our future Air Force leaders."

The following are Sergeant Herrera's responses to a variety of questions.

If you were a recruiter, what would you tell people about the Air Force? It is not just a free ticket to education, this country relies on our protection. The education aspect is just a benefit. This job requires dedication, motivation and true leadership. If you are in it for yourself, you have chosen the wrong career.

What is the best advice you have received in the Air Force? A chief master sergeant stated, "Ask yourself who *really* dropped the ball, the troop or the supervisor?"

What is your most memorable moment in the Air Force? The first was my tour as an area defense paralegal. It is imperative to



Photo by Airman 1st Class Clark Staehle

see both sides of the fence. The second was being asked to pin on one of my student's stripes.

Name someone who inspires you (or who you admire): I admire anyone who has given their life for this country.

Chief's Group names March sharp troops

The Chief's Group recognizes Airmen they feel are outstanding for their projection of a professional appearance, outstanding bearing and exceptional professionalism. Congratulations to the following Airmen who were selected as the Chief's Groups Sharp Troops for the month of March.

12th Air Force Logistics Group
Tech. Sgt. Travis Bolt

25th Operational Weather Squadron
Airman 1st Class Eric Jaeger

355th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron
Staff Sgt. David Henry

355th Maintenance Operations Squadron
Airman 1st Class Blakely Eckert

474th Theater Operations Group
Senior Airman Christina Thrift



Photos by Lt. Col. Roger Brooks

(Above) Troops walk up a hill at the White Sands Missile Range, N.M., as a part of the Bataan Memorial Death March. About 4,000 servicemen and women from every branch came together from all over the country March 20 to take part in the annual 26.2-mile march.



(Above) Members of 355th LRS teams Joggernaut and Slayer pose for a photo the morning of the Bataan march.

(Right) Several participants in the Bataan Memorial Death March walk through mile 14 of the 26.2-mile march held March 20.



355th LRS helps recognize history

By Airman 1st Class Clark Staehle
355th Wing Public Affairs

Eleven Airmen from the 355th Logistics Readiness Squadron participated in the Bataan Memorial Death March at White Sands Missile Range, N.M., March 20.

"It's meant to commemorate the veterans of the Bataan death march from World War II. There were thousands of American and Filipino soldiers who surrendered to the Japanese," said Lt. Col. Roger Brooks. The soldiers were given no food or water for the length of the march. If a soldier fell behind or fell out due to malnourishment or dehydration, they were killed by the Japanese.

The Japanese officers would ride up and down the lines of the prisoners of war and harass the captives with their samurai swords, Colonel Brooks said. Troops had to depend on each other if they wanted to survive.

This is the reason why teams are

required to complete the march as a whole.

The Airmen who participated in the march were Colonel Brooks, 1st Lt. Carlos Aguirre, 1st Lt. Michael Gibbon, 1st Lt. Heather Wayland, 2nd Lt. Faith Posey, Senior Master Sgt. Joe Davis, Staff Sgt. Joe Elliott, Senior Airman Reid Small, Airman 1st Class William Harmon, Airman 1st Class Angel Melendez, Airman Thomas Goffrier, all from the 355th LRS.

The march took place over varied terrain, Lieutenant Gibbon said. About four miles were asphalt, and a large part of the march was uphill through soft sand. Most of the march was at about 5,000 feet elevation.

Veterans of the original Bataan death march were at the start of the event, halfway and finish points to help boost morale, Colonel Brooks said.

Those interested in more information on the Bataan Memorial Death March can visit www.bataanmarch.com.

A look at Medal of Honor heroes

By 1st Lt. Tony Wickman

Alaskan Command
Public Affairs

Across

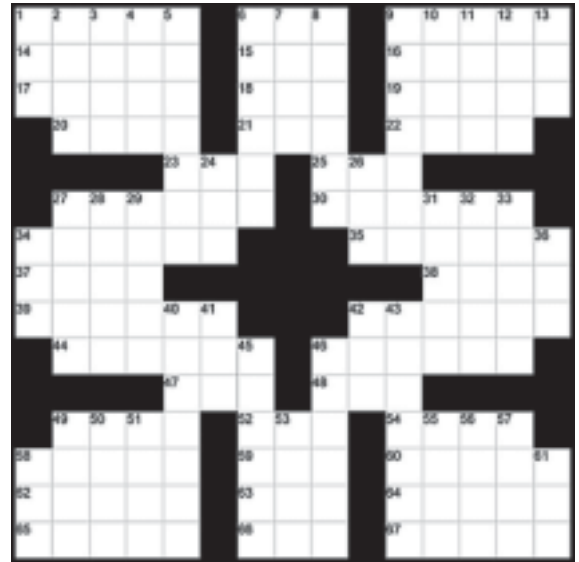
1. Kingdom
6. ___ carte; separate menu items
9. Castle savers
14. Ancient Mexican
15. ___ Abner
16. White heron
17. False
18. *Mork & Mindy* actress Dauber
19. Tribulation
20. Aleutian Island occupied by Japan in WWII
21. Health org.
22. Ambition
23. USAF reservist, in short
25. Christmas egg drink
27. Rubbernecks
30. Goals
34. Ancient Hebrew coin
35. Run an ___; perform a task
37. Henry VIII's last wife Catherine
38. Cultivated

39. Quiver fillers
42. Adage
44. American frontiersman, folk hero Boone
46. Complemented
47. Mekong Delta inhabitant
48. USAF E-2
49. Assignment
52. USA ally during Vietnam conflict
54. Info
58. Sauce or pepper starter
59. Pipe bomb, etc., in short
60. Sink heavily
62. Hall of Fame pitcher Ryan
63. Gun lobby
64. Beauty product maker ___ Lauder
65. Replaces
66. Woman
67. MOH recipient Capt. Gerald O. ___

Down

1. Naive
2. American writer Pound
3. One small child (two words)

4. Christian season of fasting
5. MOH recipient Maj. Thomas B. ___, Jr.
6. First letters of Greek alphabet
7. Actor Neeson
8. ___ Joy candy bar
9. MOH recipient 2nd. Lt. William E. ___, Jr.
10. Shrek was one
11. Opera highlight
12. Short-necked freshwater ducks
13. A MO airport code
24. Bugs Bunny voice Blanc
26. Mining result
27. Glass splinter
28. ___ cotta; ceramic wares
29. Ohio city
31. Lingo
32. Homer's wife
33. Golfer Sam
34. Health resort
36. An OK airport code
40. MOH recipient Maj. Raymond H. ___
41. Ocean part
42. Chinese dish dim ___
43. MOH recipient Capt.



(Solutions for this puzzle are located on Page 27.)

- Darrell R. ___
45. MOH recipient Maj. Charles J. ___, Jr.
46. Summer foot wear
49. Holier-than-___; superior attitude
50. Hurts
51. Wing's leading edge

- movable, auxiliary airfoil
53. Designer Wang
55. Too
56. Nobel Peace Prize winner Desmond
57. Prayer ender
58. CSAF naval equivalent
61. Wooden pin

D-M plays host to pilots, community

By Stephanie Ritter

355th Wing Public Affairs

Davis-Monthan opened its gates to the community April 2 and 3 for Aerospace and Arizona Days 2005. Attendees were able to witness a variety of aerial demonstrations including the West Coast A-10 Demo Team, the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds, Red Barons, Tora! Tora! Tora!, the U.S. Army Golden Knights, Heritage Flight and more.

In addition to the aerial demonstrations, the airshow included ground displays by a D-M A-10 Load Crew Team and the 355th Security Forces Squadron and their military working dogs.

"This airshow was a tremendous success," said Col. Michael Spencer, 355th Wing commander. "It couldn't have succeeded without nearly 2,500 Airmen dedicating their time rolling out the red carpet to the city of Tucson and southern Arizona. Teamwork, leadership and hard work drove the success of this world-class event."

(Right) The Red Barons perform a variety of aerial maneuvers around a member of the Golden Knights as he parachutes towards the flightline.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Lanie McNeal



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Jeremiah Erickson

An A-10 Thunderbolt prepares to take off for a performance during the D-M airshow as the crowd and the Air Force Thunderbirds fill the background.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Christina Kinsey

Four F-16 Fighting Falcons from the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds flight demonstration team fly in diamond formation during the Aerospace and Arizona Days 2005 at D-M.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Veronica Pierce

Army Sergeant Jared Hall from the U.S. Army Golden Knights parachute team descends from a Red Baron Stearman biplane during their demonstration.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Veronica Pierce

Members from the Davis-Monthan Honor Guard perform for attendees of Aerospace and Arizona Days 2005 held April 2 and 3.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Jeremiah Erickson

Aircraft perform a Heritage Flight Demonstration during D-M's airshow. Such a demonstration allows people to witness airpower capabilities from different eras.

Sports Shorts

Opening ceremonies

The Little League Opening Ceremonies are Saturday at 9 a.m. on the ball field located at the northwest end of National Boulevard. For more information regarding the event, call 228-8844.

Teen paintball event

Teens can visit the D-M Paintball Range Saturday from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The cost of \$20 includes 200 paintballs and safety equipment. Additional paintballs will cost \$3 per 100. Space is limited. For more information, call 228-8844.

Pepsi Pitch, Hit & Run

There is a Pepsi Pitch, Hit & Run event April 16 from 9 to 11 a.m. There is no cost and people can test their skills for pitching, hitting and running the bases. Winners will advance to the sectional competition. This competition is for ages 7 to 14 years. For more information and the location, call 228-8844.

Changes to sports events

The Marine Corps, the host of the

2005 Armed Forces Golf Championship, has had to change the dates of the championship. The Armed Forces Championship is now Sept. 18 to 24 and the Air Force Championship is Sept. 10 to 17. The form due date is July 26. The dates for the Women's Soccer matches have also been moved with the Air Force Trial Camp now April 19 through May 5 and the Armed Forces Championship now May 6 to 13. Updated information is available at <https://wwwmil.acc.af.mil/sv/>.

Spring Golf Scramble

The D-M 1st Sergeants Council will sponsor the 7th Annual Spring Golf Scramble May 13 at Blanchard Golf Course. All proceeds will go to the military community. The event will have an 8 a.m. Shotgun Start with a four person scramble from the white tees. The cost of \$35 per person includes green fees, a cart and drinks. Mulligans are two for \$5. Players can win a car from First Command for a hole-in-one on number 15. There will also be prizes for closest-to-the-pin, longest drive and all the par threes. To sign up, contact Master Sgt. Steve Flatt at 228-3283 or steven.flatt@dm.af.mil.

Searching for athletes

The Interallied Confederation of Reserve Officers is looking for members from all branches who hold a reserve commission to participate in a three-week long advanced military skills course that culminates in a world-wide North Atlantic Treaty Organization competition in Belgium. Those interested should be well-rounded athletes who would like to represent the U.S. in a military skills competition.

The next three-week training cycle, run by the U.S. Army Reserve Command, will take place at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, from June 23 to July 16. Up to 50 reserve officers and cadets who apply by April 15 (the applications deadline) will be invited to attend by a joint-service selection committee April 22. Participants are trained at highly advanced levels in map reading and land navigation; rifle and pistol marksmanship; and land and water confidence courses to

return to their units as resident expert instructors. Participants also receive training in leadership development, NATO policies including the Laws of Armed Conflict, Combat First Aid and selected fitness and nutrition topics developed by the Army Physical Fitness School. At the completion of the training, selected top performers will be invited to test their skills against their peers from 19 NATO countries in a four-day military competition in Eupen, Belgium Aug. 3 through 6. Grades of W-O1 through O-4 and cadets are encouraged to participate. This is meant to be a challenging tour and the ability to meet the standards as listed on the Web site www.uscior.army.mil is the pre-qualifier. For more information or an application, visit the above Web site or call (210) 221-1206.

(Information courtesy CIOR, a United States Army Reserve and Joint Forces Program.)

Chapel Information

Services and activities offered by the D-M chapel are listed below. For more information on Jewish or Muslim services; Sunday School programs; Vacation Bible School; Bible studies; youth groups; and ministries, call 228-5411.

Catholic Mass schedule

Saturday: First Saturday Mass is the first Saturday of the month at 9 a.m. in Hope Chapel. The Mass will be followed by a breakfast fellowship. For more information, call Jeff Morgan at 574-2567.

Mass is at 5 p.m., Sacrament of Reconciliation is at 4:30 p.m. at Desert Dove Chapel.

Sunday: Mass is at 7:30 and 10 a.m., Sacrament of Reconciliation is at 9:15 a.m. at Desert Dove Chapel.

Daily: Mass is at 11:30 a.m. at Hope Chapel. Rosary begins at 11:10 a.m. at Desert Dove.

Protestant Services schedule

Sunday: Contemporary Service is at 9:45 a.m. and Gospel Service is at 11:15 a.m. at Hope Chapel. Traditional Service is also at 11:15 a.m. but at Desert Dove Chapel.

Prayer Wall

The Base Chapel offers a Prayer Wall in the Desert Dove Chapel which displays pictures and names of deployed Airmen. To submit a name and picture for the Prayer Wall, contact Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Timothy Sturgill at 228-5411 or send an e-mail to timothy.sturgill@dm.af.mil. Members of the D-M community who wish to pray for these deployed Airmen are invited to stop by the Desert Dove Chapel.

Education Services

Pitsenbarger Award

The Pitsenbarger Award is awarded at each Community College of the Air Force Graduation. The award is a \$500 grant to assist a CCAF graduate in the pursuit of a bachelor's degree. The current award is available only to graduates of the April 2005 graduating class. Applications are available in the Base Training and Education Services Office and the deadline is June 3. For more information, call Norma White at 228-4249 or Rafael Maldonado at 228-3484.

CCAF Graduation, Education Fair

The Community College of the Air Force April 2005 graduating class is the largest to date, graduating 152 students. The CCAF graduation ceremony is June 13 at 2 p.m. at The Desert Oasis Enlisted Club. Graduates are to be in place no later than 12:30 p.m. All graduates should have been contacted by e-mail with specific instructions. Graduates attending the ceremony must reply no later than May 27. An Education Fair will be held just after the graduation ceremony. On base and local schools will provide information regarding their degree programs. For more information, call Rafael Maldonado at 228-3484, Norma White at 228-4249 or Claudia Rodriguez at 228-3472.

Basic Officer Training

The BOT fiscal 2006 Selection Board schedule



Photo by Kelsey Gutschow

has been released. The number of boards has been reduced to four. Their will be two rated and two all program boards. For more information, contact Norma White at 228-4249 or Rafael Maldonado at 228-3484.

Family Support Center

Pre-separation Counseling

This class will take place at the Family Support Center Tuesday and April 20 from 9 to 10 a.m. This is mandatory for departing military members and will teach them about services and agencies available to help transition to the civilian workforce. The class size is limited to 20 attendees and should be scheduled no later than 90 days before separating or retiring. To sign up, call 228-5690.

Right Start Base Orientation

Right Start Base Orientation is designed to welcome all newcomers to Davis-Monthan and the Tucson area. Leadership and base agencies discuss a variety of programs and services available. The next orientation is Tuesday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at The Desert Oasis Enlisted Club. Free childcare is available but must be arranged ahead of time. For more information, call 228-5690.

Sponsorship Training

To learn ways to make a great first impression for new members assigned to base, attend the Family Support Center's Sponsorship Class Wednesday from 8 to 9 a.m. in Building 3210. The class is required for sponsors and covers effective sponsorship and offers useful resources and information. To sign up, call 228-5690.

Time For Tots

The next Time for Tots will be held Wednesday and April 20 from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the Desert Dove Chapel. Come and meet other parents while the children enjoy fun and activities. For more information regarding this program, call 228-5690.

Stormy's offers D-M variety

Stormy's is located in the Desert Lightning Community Center and is open Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Their menu includes an array of items such as submarine sandwiches, wraps, chicken wings, soups, pizza, pastries, hot beverages and more. Prices range from \$1 for a hot chocolate to \$4.50 for a four cheese pizza. Stormy's also has sandwich or beverage cards that can be used to earn a free sub, cappuccino express or house blend coffee. In addition, Service Bucks can be used but are limited to one per transaction. Anyone who has base access can eat at Stormy's. Depending on how busy the cafe is, call-in orders may be accepted. For more information, call 228-3500.

Denise Harden, a worker at Stormy's and spouse of Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Harden, 355th Logistics Readiness Squadron, makes a turkey sub.

Happenings

POW Day of Remembrance

The Southern Arizona Veterans Administration Health Care System is inviting the public to an event today from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. to learn more about America's former prisoners of war. The event will be held in the R.E. Lindsey Jr. auditorium on the VA Medical Center grounds. There will be an opportunity to have conversations with POWs as well as a chance to view POW exhibits including memorabilia, displays and posters. For more information, call the VA Public Affairs office at 629-1819.

Women's History Month luncheon

The D-M Women's History Month Committee will host their annual luncheon Monday at 11 a.m. at The Desert Oasis Enlisted Club. The vice mayor of Tucson, Kathleen Dunbar, will be the guest speaker. Tickets are \$8 and must be purchased in advance. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Tracey Murray at 228-9719 or the 355th Wing Military Equal Opportunity office at 228-5509.

JROTC Leadership Encampment

June 19 through 25 D-M will host this year's Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps Summer Leadership Encampment. There will be a meeting April 21 in the 12th Air Force Battle Staff Conference Room from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. for those interested in volunteering. Motivated Airmen and NCOs interested in being training instructors, evening mentors, bus drivers, classroom instructors or guest speakers should attend the meeting. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Travis Bolt at 228-0011 or send an e-mail to Travis.Bolt@dm.af.mil.

D-M Thrift Shop

The D-M Thrift Shop will be open Saturday from 9 a.m. until noon with consignments closing at 11:30 a.m. There will be a \$3 bag sale. The shop will also be open Tuesday and Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Services Activities

Information for the Services Activities section courtesy of Chris Sweeney, 355th Services Squadron. For questions regarding this information, contact Mr. Sweeney at 228-7352.

N'awlins Night

Come out and enjoy a great Cajun buffet at The Desert Oasis Enlisted Club's N'awlins Night April 15. There will be music, food and Cajun style fun. The menu includes andouille sausage, blazin' red fish, gumbo, red beans and rice, cajun corn, corn bread, dessert and more. Attendees can dance to zydeco music featuring disc jockey Hollywood. The cost is \$8.95 and members receive a \$2 discount and can use a Services Buck. Reservations are required for those wanting to eat. The buffet will be open from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. For more information, call 228-3100.

Red Cross Babysitting Class

The American Red Cross will sponsor a Babysitting Class for D-M youth ages 11 to 15 years April 16 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The cost is \$32 per person. Space is limited and permission slips are required. For more information, call 228-8844.

4-H Teen Challenge Day

Teens can participate in a 4-H Teen Challenge Day at Pima County Fair April 22 at 8 a.m. Attendees will participate in activities that involve team building, communication, problem solving and more. For more information regarding the event, call 228-8844.

Day in the Park

D-M will host a Day in the Park April 23 from 9 a.m. to noon at Bama Park. Parents may spend time with their children making crafts, playing games and enjoying a barbecue. For more information, call 228-8844.

Administrative Specialist's Day

Administrative Specialist's Day is April 27. The Desert Oasis Enlisted Club will offer a special lunch that day for bosses who want to take their administrative specialist to lunch. Bosses can buy their own lunch and will then get 50 percent off for their administrative specialist. The lunch includes a barbecue buffet. For more information regarding the lunch, call 228-3100.

Graphic Design, Award Shop

Stop by the Graphics Design and Award Shop in the Arts and Crafts Center to see their going-away gifts. The full service shop can provide for a squadron's award, gift giving or presentation needs. The shop offers custom laser engraving and sandblasting on a wide variety of items such as plaques, beer and coffee mugs, pen sets, desk wedges, decanters, wine glasses and many other awards and gifts. The shop also designs brochures, flyers, invitations and personalized business cards. For more information, to place an order or to sign up for a class, stop by the center in Building 4531 or call 228-4285.

Parents receive some free time

Those who have deployed in support of contingency operations for a minimum of 30 days,

cumulatively, in a six-month period, are eligible to receive a limited amount of free child care. This program is designed to help servicemembers reduce stress and re-adjust to life at home. The Returning Home Care Program offers deployed parents up to 16 hours of free child care per child under this unique Expanded Child Care Program. Eligible users are active-duty members, Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve members assigned to or living on the installation. Guard and Reserve are eligible to use this program also under the Home Community Care Program in the civilian community during weekend care contracted time.

The care is provided in the Extended Duty Care Family Child Care homes and limited to children 12 years and younger for no more than 16 hours per six-month period. For those interested in participating in this program, call the FCC office at 228-2201.

Poly Bar remains open

During renovations at The Mirage Officers' Club, the Poly Bar will be open every Thursday and Friday starting at 4 p.m. Members are invited to enjoy social hour each day from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, there is social hour food and Karaoke with Desi. For more information, stop by the club or call 228-3100.

Openings at CDCs

The D-M CDCs currently have openings for pre-toddlers ages 1 to 2 years, toddlers ages 2 to 3 years and preschool children ages 3 to 5 years. For more information, call 228-6463 or 228-6465.

PHONE NUMBERS

Sherry Jones Manager/Chef 228-3100
Robert Johnson Chef 228-3100
MAIN OFFICE: 748-0660 or 228-3301
BARBER SHOP: 748-8968

We're open!

During renovations at the Mirage, the Poly Bar will be open every Thursday and Friday for your enjoyment!

PARTY in the Poly Bar!

Thursdays & Fridays - Open from 4pm to close. Enjoy Social Hour with your friends from 5 to 7pm. Free Social Hour food every Friday! Members only.

N'AWLINS NIGHT

15 April 2005

Come out and enjoy a great Cajun buffet

Desert Oasis

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More of the Cabanas

Cabanas Special every Sunday

From 4-6pm
Two 12" one topping pizzas with two 16oz sodas for \$13.99

LUNCH SPECIAL

from 10:30am-1:30pm
Cabanas April Lunch Time Special
Fried Shrimp with Fries or Tossed Salad and Soda \$5.50

APRIL 8TH- 22ND

at the Desert Oasis

Apr 8 & 15 - T.G.I.F. Social Hour - draft beer & drink specials, free food, 5-7pm. Doors open at 3pm and DJ jams from 6-11pm!

Apr 10 & 17 - Champagne Brunch, 10am-1pm. Enjoy your favorite breakfast and lunch dishes.

Apr 13 & 20 - Wild About Wednesdays! Everyone's welcome! Drink specials & free food, 5-7pm.

Apr 14 & 21 - Triple T & Mug Night from 6-10pm. Doors open 3pm. Drink specials & music all night! Bring your mug and drafts or sodas are just \$1.75 (up to 32oz)

Apr 15 - N'AWLINS NIGHT
From 5-7pm enjoy a great Cajun Buffet and Zydeco Music featuring DJ Hollywood.

MUG NIGHT

WILD ABOUT WEDNESDAYS

T.G.I.F.

Now through July 2005 the Desert Oasis will host the weekday lunch specials while the Officers' Club undergoes renovation

\$7.85* WEEKDAY LUNCH SPECIALS! (members receive a \$2.00 discount)

*Bread and Salad Bar included or available separately for \$0.75 (\$4.75)

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
CLOSED	Chef's Choice & Fried Chicken	BBQ Buffet	Fabulous Pasta Station & Meats	Catfish Buffet & Meats



